



# INAUGURAL CHUKAR CHALLENGE & SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

## Cost

### Chukar Challenge

**\$60.00 Entry Fee ▪ Single Competition  
1 Hunter ▪ 1 Dog ▪ 8 Shells  
20 Minute Time Limit For 4 Chukars.**

### Puppy Challenge

**\$50.00 Entry Fee ▪ Dogs Must Be  
18 Months Or Younger ▪  
1 Hunter ▪ 1 Dog ▪ 6 Shells ▪  
20 Minute Time Limit For 3 Chukars.**

### Sporting Clays Shoot

**\$25.00 For 50 Targets**

### King (Or Queen) Of the Mountain

**Top Total Score For Both Events**

**Lunch Included For All Events**

At The

Wings Of Challenge

1590 Everly Road

Accident, MD 21520

#### SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

*From I68 Go South on Rt 219 To A Right Onto Bear Creek Road, Follow To  
Everly Road, Turn Right And Follow To Site. Check website for  
more detailed directions: wingsofchallenge.com*

## TIMES

**Registration: 8:00 a.m.**

**Shoot: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Last Shooter Out: 3:00 p.m.**

**Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Awards: 4:00 p.m.**

**Trophies And Prizes Awarded  
In Each Category**

*Slots For The Chukar Challenges and Sporting Clays Are Limited. Times Will Be  
Assigned On A First Come, First Served Basis. Payment Must Accompany Registration.  
Walk-Ins Will Be Accepted Only If Slots Are Not Already Filled*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash       Check

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00 Chukar Challenge

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Puppy Challenge

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Sporting Clays Shoot

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Outside Raffle – Benelli Super Black Eagle  
12 Gauge 3 ½ “ Chamber

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail Entry Form To:*  
Don Calhoun  
801 Trap Run Road  
Friendsville, MD 21531

*Home Phone:*  
301.746.4004

*Cell Phone:*  
301.501.0672

*Email:*  
doncalhoun35@hotmail.com

**Please Make Checks Payable To:  
RGS Backbone Mountain Chapter**

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## Maryland Habitat Update 2009

The Maryland RGS chapter volunteers are hitting on all cylinders. Fundraising, habitat projects and grass-roots efforts to promote wildlife management on public lands are all part of the mix.

Advocacy remains an extremely important component of the RGS mission. Enthusiastic support for timber management on public lands by RGS members is critical and MD members have been heard. While RGS bases its unwavering support for wildlife management on sound science, there are plenty of well organized groups who base their opposition to forest management on deception, emotion and litigation. The input to public land managers provided by our members is extremely important.

Unlike many states in the East, MD has gained some grouse habitat in the western mountains over the last 20 years. Statewide, Maryland has not lost nearly as much habitat as a percentage of the total forested area as most other states. More than any other state, Maryland is reversing the habitat-loss trend in the grouse range, where increased management has meant a fairly significant increase in grouse and woodcock cover. Thanks to this trend, there is good grouse and woodcock hunting to be found. State lands like Savage River State Forest, Mt. Nebo WMA, and Indian Springs WMA have some good looking cover. State lands on the Eastern Shore offer great woodcock hunting in late Fall and Winter.

In a cooperative venture between state wildlife biologists and foresters and Garrett Community College, maps of grouse and woodcock cover on Savage River State Forest were made to aid hunters and to aid future management several years ago. RGS is looking to work with the MD DNR to update these maps. These maps will be made available to the public.

Thanks to several private grants and a unique relationship with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, RGS has been able to buy heavy Caterpillar equipment that allows us to take matters into our own hands. RGS has the capability to lend tree and shrub cutting equipment to state and federal agencies free of charge. We are also able to help private landowners create habitat on their property for a modest fee that is reinvested in conservation via RGS.

In Spring 2007, a Caterpillar Multi-terrain loader and tree shear were dropped off at Indian Springs WMA. For the next three months, the equipment was used to improve alder and other shrub habitat on the WMA. The equipment will make return trips to western Maryland in the future. We are also looking into a cooperative effort to purchase machinery for the DNR.

Focusing on the bigger picture, RGS recently coordinated the development of a National Ruffed Grouse Management Plan, authored several sections of a National Woodcock Management Plan, and co-authored two chapters of a book on the ecology and management of grouse in the southern Appalachians. RGS has also been very active in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill.

If you have never been involved with the Ruffed Grouse Society, attended a meeting, written a letter in support of habitat management and hunting, or attended an RGS function, make this the year that you do. Please contact Mark Banker, 814-867-7946 – [rgsbank@comcast.net](mailto:rgsbank@comcast.net) or Dave Hansroth, 412-303-1405, [rgshans@comcast.net](mailto:rgshans@comcast.net) or visit [www.ruffedgrousesociety.org](http://www.ruffedgrousesociety.org). *Last Updated Winter 2009.*